



# **Islam and Muslim Citizenship in Non-Muslim Liberal Democracies**

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**Friday, April 20**

**9:30-10:00 a.m.**

**Opening Session**

**Introductory Remarks:**

**Mohammed Ayoob, Coordinator, Muslim Studies Program**

**Welcome:**

**Jeffrey M. Riedinger, Acting Dean, International Studies and Programs**

**Setting the Agenda:**

**Andrew F. March, Michigan State University**

**10:00-10:30 a.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**10:30-Noon Panel 1:**

**Liberal Citizenship, Democracy and Islam,**  
Chair: Mustapha Tlili, Founder and Director,  
Dialogues: Islamic World-U.S.-The West, New York University

**Papers:**

**“Demanding Deliberation: Political Liberalism and the Inclusion of Islam”,** Lucas Swaine, Dartmouth College

**“What’s Special about Religion? What’s Special about Islam?”** Andrew F. March, Michigan State University

**Respondent:**

**Folke Lindahl, Michigan State University**

**Noon-2:30 p.m.**

**Lunch (by invitation only)**

**2:30-4 p.m. Panel 2:**

**Comparative Ethics: Methods and Purposes,**  
Chair: Richard Zinman, Michigan State University

**Papers:**

**“The Ethics of Reasoning from Conjecture (or, What’s Wrong with Socratic Justifications for Toleration?)”,** Micah Schwartzman, Columbia University

**“Arguing for Consensus: Lessons From International Human Rights Discourses on the Necessity of Islamic Reasons”,** Naz K. Modirzadeh, HPCR, Harvard

**4:00-4:15 p.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**4:15-5:45 p.m.**

**Keynote: “My Body, This Paper, This Fire: Muslim Minorities in Western Liberal Democracies,”** Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan  
Chair, Andrew March

**7 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 21**

**9:30-11:00 a.m.**

**Dinner (by invitation only) Corniche Room, Kellogg Center**

**Keynote: “Citizenship Between Umma and Nation”** Adullahi An-Na'im, Emory School of Law Chair, Mohammed Ayoob

**11-11:15 a.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**11:15-12:45 p.m. Panel 3**

**North American Muslim Experiences**  
Chair: David Robinson, Michigan State University

**Papers:**

**“Jurists, Activists and Intellectuals and the Making of American Muslim Discourse”,** Mohamed Nimer, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)

**“Protecting Women by Protecting Them From Religion: Religious Arbitration in Canada”,** Natasha Bakht, University of Ottawa

**12:45-2:15 p.m.**

**Lunch (by invitation only)**

**2:15-3:45 p.m. Panel 4**

**Islamic Perspectives on Liberal Citizenship,**  
Chair: Sherman Garnett, Michigan State University

**Papers**

**“Muslims Living in Pluralistic Societies,”** Imam Sayid Hassan Al-Qazwini, Islamic Center of America, Dearborn, MI

**“The True, the Good and the Reasonable: The Theological and Ethical Roots of Public Reason in Islamic Law”,** Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto

**3:45-4:00 p.m.**

**Coffee Break**

**4:00-5:15 p.m. Panel 5**

**European and Comparative Experiences**  
Chair: John Habib, Michigan State University

**Papers:**

**“The West as the New Homeland of Islamic Modernism: Case Studies from Europe and the United States”,** Jocelyne Cesari, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

**“Religious Devotion and Political Loyalty: The Case of American Muslims”,** Louay Safi, Director of ISNA Leadership Development Center (LDC)

**7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner (by invitation only)**